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A Dialogue along't the plains
'Tween Tom and Will the shepherds Swains.

Q. W Hat creature is most like a man?
A. A great boy without a beard.

Q. What men live like horses?
A. Tapsters, for they are always drawing.

Q. What made Diogenes seek honest men at night?

A. His Lanthorn.

Q. What companions are the best?

A. Books.

Q. What day was that as the lions were never before?

A. The first.

Q. Whether was a horse or no horse more

Q. No horse: For a horse has four legs,
and no horse has more.

Q. When is a cow roundest?

A. When she licks her breech.

Q. What's the reason a horse foams so at the
mouth?

A. Because he never spits.

Q. What is the likeness to a cat in a hole?

A. A cat out of a hole.

Q. How should one stop three holes with one
thing.

A. By putting one mans nose in another
mans.

Q. Why is a mad man as strang as two men?

A. Because he's a man beside himself.

Q. Why is love said to be of an ancient fami-
ly?

A. Because when Adam and Eve first met,
thirteen come thirties was the beginning of love.

Q. How many sides hath a man?

A. Eight: inside, outside, right side,
left side, upper side, lower side, fore-side,
back side.

Q. What is the best receipt to make a fat
lean.

A. To keep her eyes open and her mouth shut.
Mur.

Q. Why do the French send Rabbits to their Tables with their feet on?

A. Because (bring a-frugal people) they may go the further.

Q. Why is the afternoon said to be shorter than the forenoon?

A. Because the Sun goes down the hill.

Q. Why did Sir Theodore Mayherne die?

A. Because he could live no longer.

Q. Why do so many drink Boobett?

A. Because 'tis good against a Clap.

Q. Why is the worst woman in the world good?

A. Because she's good for something, or good for nothing.

Q. Why is a broad hat said to be full?

A. Because 'tis a brimmer.

Q. Why doth a Fox prey abroad?

A. Because he hath nothing at home.

Q. Why is it said that wise men ask more questions than fools?

A. Because no man is wise without question.

Q. What may we think on, and yet think nothing.

A. Womens constancy.

Q. May we think dooms-day near, or no?

A. No: for then there shall hardly be any faith; now there is nothing else.

Q. What is the difference between a Lord and a meener man?

A. A word.

Q. What may a vertuous plain man say to women-having naked breasts?

A. Shut your shop-windows for shame.

Q. Who may be thought to smell never well?

A. They that smell ever well.

Q. Who may be thought to be no mans friend?

A. He that is every mans.

Q. Why is it said 'tis better to have a little wife, than a great wife.

A. Because of evils the least is to be chosen. Or, it is best to have a wife but little.

Q. Why is the husband said to wear horns, and not the wife?

A. Because he is the head.

Q. Why are there so many Cuckolds?

A. Because so many marry.

Q. Why do many Preachers wink when they pray?

A. Because

A. Because they would be thought to know the way to heaven so well, that they could find it blindfold.

Q. Why are some gallants like Philosophers?

A. Because they carry all their wealth about them.

Q. Why are some Ladies like untame - coney?

A. Because their skins are more worth than their bodies.

Q. What kind of garment do women most love to wear?

A. The breeches.

Q. What kind of book may a man wish his wife were like?

A. An Almanack; for, so he may have a new one every year.

Q. Why are there so many poor Physicians?

A. Because it is a very backward profession.

Q. Why are Lords and great men beheaded for treason and meaner men not?

A. Because they are the more capital offenders.

Q. Have the Clergy got any advantage by marrying of wives or no?

A. 4

A. No

A. No: For they had it in market before.

Q. Why do Ministers and Lawyers talk so loud?

A. Because they are allowed to talk.

Q. Why are foolish Sermons said to be most moving?

A. Because so few will tarry to hear them.

Q. Why is it said that Epicures and Gluttons are like calves?

A. Because they have a sweet tooth in their heads.

Q. How may one call a rich man fool, and not offend him?

A. By telling him he's one of those whom fortune favors.

Q. Why is it said, that painted women may be called whores?

A. Because though there may be no cause, yet there is a great deal of colour for it.

Q. May not one that is neither Virgin, wife, nor Widow, call her self a maid?

A. Yes, forsooth, a Chamber maid.

Q. Which is the next and surest way to be a cuckold?

A. To be jealous.

Q. Why

Q. Why are Lawyers said to be like Brokers?

A. Because they deal altogether with other mens Suits.

Q. What may be said of a poor Scholars short gown?

A. That it will be long enough ere he have another.

Q. Who are those that pocket up most wrong?

A. Usurers, Thieves, Souldiers, and Lawyers.

Q. Why are Statesmen said to be like Asses?

A. Because they have the longest ears of any men.

Q. What may be said of the worser sort of the Clergy?

A. Hang up your lights.

Q. Why were some Ministers so loth to wear a surplice?

A. Because it did put them in minde of their wives smock.

Q. What language is the best to win a widow?

A. Down right.

Q. What kind of instrument or weapon is most lost?

A. The

A. The pot.

Q. What kind of men stand most upon Terms?

A. The Lawyers:

Q. What kind of water is most deceitful?

A. Womens tears.

Q. What kind of women need mask the most?

A. Such as have much ado to avoid being ugly.

Q. Why are women said to be weaker than men?

A. Because they are most put to the wall.

Q. If the husband call the wife whore, how may she answer?

A. But...

Q. Why are many young Gallants said to be like ferrets?

A. Because they creep so much into Coney-holes.

Q. Why were Parsons wives said to be more excusable for cuckolding than other women?

A. Because of their husbands being Non-Resident.

Q. Why do the Puritans speak through the nose?

A. Because the High Commissioners had stopp'd their mouths.

Q. Why

Q. Why do Lawyers wear round caps, and not square?

A. Because square dealing would undo them.

Q. What is the best sign for a tradesman new set up?

A. A handsome wife.

Q. Why are Cities and Corporations no better govern'd?

A. Because the Magistrates cannot lay their heads together.

Q. Why are there not women Lawyers, as well as men?

A. Because they would lay their cases too open.

Q. Why did Puritans hate day-poles?

A. Because they were things out of their reach.

Q. Why is Virgo said to govern the bowels and belly?

A. Because whores and many wives have no government of either.

Q. What deserves he that promiseth fair, and doeth not according?

A. A Cording.

Q. What

Q. What may be said of many Gallants,
and their legs?

A. That they are too big in the Calves.

Q. What kind of faces may Scoffers and
Friscoes be said to have?

A. Mustard.

Q. Why may not a dog be called cuckold?

A. Because its the name of many a good
Christian.

Q. May a wanton papistical Lady be called
a Recusant?

A. NO; but Catholick she may.

Q. In what are some Ladies most constant?

A. In inconstancy.

Q. Why is Marriage called Matrimony?

A. Because now-a-days it is made matter
of money.

Q. What makes so many bad wives?

A. So many good husbands.

Q. Why are some women more luxurious
than beasts?

A. Because they often couple when they
were not so conceive.

Q. Why is it so be doubted that few of
rags and Misers go to heaven?

A. Be

A. Because the journey is costly, and they will give nothing.

Q. Why is it said that women generally are better then men?

A. Because they cannot be so bad.

Q. How may a simple scholar be handsomely called a fool?

A. By saying he is but a scholar.

Q. What kind of men may be said to give the most credit?

A. Old men that have handsome young wives.

Q. What places may be said to be most obscure and dark?

A. Politicians bosoms.

Q. How might a Puritan have been blown out of the Parish?

A. With a pair of Organs.

Q. What may be said to a corrupt wicked officer?

A. O. ty. Sur.

Q. What sort of men need a good memory most?

A. Liers.

Q. Why is a good name said to be so precious?

A. Because

A. Because he that has a bad one is half hang'd.

Q. What old saying is that, which women will never believe?

A. Short and sweet.

Q. Why are there more women in the world than men?

A. Because there are more weeds than good herbs.

Q. Why may not a married man be called Ox, in the presence of his wife?

A. Because she perhaps may know him to be an Ass.

Q. Why were many Courtiers of old thought to be the sons of fryars?

A. Because of their begging.

Q. What may a petty felon say to cruel and corrupt Judges?

A. That the greater thieves hang up the less.

Q. What is the worst, and yet the dearest commodity in the Kingdom?

A. Lawyers tongues.

Q. What good deeds do Usurers love most?

A. Sealed and delivered.

Q. Who

Q. Who may be said to be the greatest ca-
suits in the Nation?

A. Lawyers.

Q. If all men be worms, what are gallants?

A. Silk worms.

Q. What is the best dance for Committee-
men?

A. The brawls.

Q. Why do many gallants hear a din no
better?

A. Because they have locks at their
ears.

Q. Why are thieves said to die like Swans?

A. Because they sing a little before,

Q. When may we think a woman to be past
all recovery?

A. When she is speechless.

Q. What is the difference between a wifes
being got with child by her husband, and by a
nother man?

A. Conceiving and misconceiving.

Q. Why do some women love honesty better
than men?

A. Because when they are down them-
selves, they would have men upright.

Q. If one have an ill wife, whose name is Mary, may he call her dear Ma? *Q*

A. He may: For dear Ma is as much as to say, costly ill. *Q*

Q. Why are most women said to be fiery hearted?

A. Because they love stones heartily.

Q. Why is it said that women do love fish better than flesh?

A. Because they do affect and desire Place above all things.

Q. Why are women to be said to be too hard for men at Irish?

A. Because they are better at bearing.

Q. Why are painted women not to be trusted?

A. Because they have two faces under a hood.

Q. Why are not women like to good wine?

A. Because they have need of a bush.

Q. Why are crooked men most unfit to be Stewards?

A. Because they will never be able to set all things streight.

Q. What may be said of women that marry very young?

A. That they begin to take upon them *Q. VVhy*

Q. Why do not some Ladies care for plain dealing?

A. Because they had rather be over-reach'd.

Q. Why are South-sayers no better to be believed?

A. Because so few of them say sooth.

Q. What is the worst thing that is for a man to lend his head unto?

A. A Pillory.

Q. What is the best precept to take away the scent of Garlick?

A. Go look.

Q. Why is it said, 'tis better to have a little wit, than a great wit?

A. Because, non est mangnum ingenium, sine aliqua dementia.

Q. Why is it said, 'tis better to marry a widow than a maid?

A. Causa patet.

Q. Why are not married men so grievous when their wives make them Cuckolds?

A. Because, -solamen miseris socios--

Q. Why is it said that little beards have more wit than great heads?

A. Be-

A. Because, omne majus continet in se minus.

Q. Why is time said to be so precious?

Because omnium rerum est primum.

Q. Why is it said that Princes are not to grant Monopolies, of small matters?

A. Because, non vadat exiguis rebus ad esse Jovi.

Q. Why are batchelors more happy than married men?

A. Because, Felix quem faciunt aliorum Cornua cautum.

Q. Why are not many gallants to be believ'd when they complement?

A. Because, ex abundantia cordis, os loquitur.

Q. Why is it said that foo's cannot mend their faults?

A. Because, dum vitant, in contraria currant.

Q. Why are Cuckolds said to be like fools?

A. Because, infinitus est numerus.

Q. What part of Grammar do Ladies like the best?

A. Propria quæ maribus.

Q. What

Q. What two words are those, which set all the world together by the ears?

A. Meum and Tuum.

Q. What saying in scripture do Lawyers like the most?

A. Pax vobis.

Q. What may a physician say when he is in love?

A. Hei mihi quod nullis Amore est medicabilis herbis.

Q. What verse in Grammar doth most tax the Clergy?

A. Bos, fur, sus, atque sacerdos.

Q. What verse in Grammar doth most tax the Lawyers?

A. Clamor, rixæ, joci, mendacia, furæ, cachinni,

Q. If one be uncivilly checked for talking, with the old saying, vir sapit, - how may he answer?

A. Vir loquitur, qui pauca sapit.

Q. How may a serving-man excuse himself, if he lets fall a neats tongue?

A. By saying, non est error mentis.

Q. of

Q. Of a Porter that turns Preacher, what may be said?

A. Qui color albus erat, nunc est contrarius albo.

Q. Why cannot women keep secrets as well as men?

A. Because they are pleniores rimatum.

Q. Why is it said, 'tis prodigality, and not liberality, to give quickly?

A. Because, his dat, qui cito dat.

Q. Why is the Lie no such affront as it is taken for?

A. Because all men are Liars.

Q. How may the proverb of wishers and woulders be neatly exprest in Latine?

A. Osi, Osi, oriosi.

Q. How may they be fitly termed, who begin many things, and make no end of any?

A. Incipientes, insipientes.

Q. How may a good fellow excuse his frequenting of Taverns?

A. That he doth it to find out the truth; for: in vino veritas.

Q. How may one address his compliments to his friend, in a neat and covert manner?

A. Mi-

A. Mitto tibi navem protra puppinus ca-
rentem.

Q. How may one handsomely crave the bea-
uty affection of his friend?

A. Da mediam Lunam (C) solem quo-
que (O) & canis iram (R).

Q. VVhen would the Devil be a Monk?

A. VVhen he is sick.

Q. Is quot capita, tot ingenia, a true
saying or no?

A. No, for many heads have no wit at all.

Q. VVhat said the School-boy to Queen
Elizabeth, when she askt him how oft he had
been whipt?

A. Infandum, Regina, jubes renovare
dolorum.

Q. VVhat said the Spaniard to the
French-man, that found a Pearl?

A. Non sum gallus, ideo non roperi-

Q. VVhich of the old Romans may be
thought to have smelt the best?

A. Publius Ovidius Naso.

Q. VVhy was Homer said to be a night-
long Poet?

A. Because he did but aliquando dormire.

Q. VVhy

Q. Why is Cicero said to be a notable Bragadochia?

A. Because he saith—*Ego meis majoribus virtute praeluxi?*

Q. What is a fit Motto for the two Temples, anciently the houses of the Knights-Templars?

A. *Cedant arma Togæ.*

Q. Why is the middle Temple said to be more virtuous than the Inner?

A. Because, in medio consistit.

Q. What had been a more proper Arms for the City of London than their duden dagger?

A. A Cornucopia.

Q. Why are Eunuchs said to grieve more than others?

A. Because, *ille vere dolet, qui sine teste dolet.*

Q. Why are wanton women not to be termed light?

A. Because, *omne grave deorsum.*

Q. Who is the greatest whore and whoremaster that ever was?

Ceres & Bacchus: Nam, sine Cerere & Baccho friget Venus.

Q. When

Q. When is a woman to be believ'd?

A. — No mortuæ quidem.

Q. Why are women said to be more liberal than men?

A. Because by their good wills, they would have no vacuum.

Q. Why was Philemon the Translator said to be so troublesome?

A. Because he would not let Suetonius be Tranquillus.

Q. What name would exactly fit an honest quiet man, that puts his horns in his Pocket?

A. Cornelius Tacitus.

Q. What may be said of an attorney made an under Sheriff?

A. Corruptio unius est generatio alterius.

Q. What may be said of Ale-houses?

A. Licentia omnes deteriores sumus.

Q. Why is it said, that all men are or have been mad?

A. Because, semel insanivimus.

Q. Why is it better to plow than to dig?

A. Because, effodiuntur irritamenta.

Q. Who may most properly be called a miser?

A. Qui

A. Qui multum admiratur. *W*

Q. VVhy are *Dispersers* said to be very good Christians? *W*

A. Because, quantum numerum quisque habet. *W*

Q. VVhat may be said of a woman that is young, witty, fair, and honest too? *W* for how can she be fair and honest too? *W*

A. Rara avis in agroque simillima. *W*

Q. VVhy is it said, that the best women are the most contrary to goodness? *W*

A. Because, bonum quod communius eo melius. *W*

Q. VVhy is it said, that the way to be wise is to drink hard? *W*

A. Because, secundum hoc quod non.

Q. VVhy are books said to be like cheeses? *W*

A. Because no cheese can please all feeders, nor any book all readers. *W*

Q. VVhat is the world like? *W*

A. The stage of a Play house, and men the Actors. *W*

Q. VVhy is it said, that the best part of a man is his head? *W*

A. Because, the head is the seat of the soul. *W*

A. Because it makes every thing seem bigger and better than it is.

Q. Why is a true noble mind said to be like the Palm tree?

A. Because the more it is depressed, the more it strives to mount upward.

Q. Why is it said that Laws are like unto spiders webs?

A. Because they catch little flies, and let the great ones escape.

Q. Who may be said to be the best and truest lovers?

A. They only who love because they love.

Q. When is the fittest time for a man to marry?

A. A young man not yet, an old man not at all.

Q. Which is the best and speediest way for dispatch of business?

A. Not to be too hasty.

Q. What rule or way is that, which whosoever observes, shall never be deceived?

A. Not to trust.

Q. What is the best rule or instruction concerning playing and jesting?

B

A. Play,

A. Play, but hurt not; jest, but shame not.

Q. What is the best instruction concerning love and living?

A. So to love as though we were to hate, and hate as we were to love.

Q. What is the best instruction concerning learning and living?

A. So to learn, as if we were to live all ways; and so to live, as if we were to die to-morrow.

Q. What two things are those, that put us most in mind of mortality?

A. Sleep and lust.

Q. If a man have a wife a little a why, but a very good wife, and be asked why he would abuse such a one, how may he answer?

A. That God had bowed her, and sent her him for a token.

Q. What is a wise mans life to be like?

A. The opening of a rich Cabine.

Q. What kind of men are the blindest?

A. They that can see a mote in other mens eyes and not a beam in their own.

Q. Why

Q. Why is it said that the Evening is better then the Morning?

A. Because it crowns the day,

Q. Why are covetous and cruel men likened to swine?

A. Because they never do good till they die.

Q. Why is it said that our life is like an hour glass, and the sand like worldly riches?

A. Because they run with us for a short time, and then are turned up by another.

Q. Why is it said that Satyrists are like snuffers?

A. Because they do commonly retain in themselves the filth they find in others.

Q. How do wise men esteem of language or words?

A. As of a dish to serve up the sense.

Q. What kind of men are they that are closest and nearest to the divine nature?

A. They whom reason not passion moves.

Q. How may we term the earth in respect of the heavens?

A. A Mole-hill.

Q. What kind of men may be said to be the best arm'd?

A. The fore-warn'd.

Q. *Why is it said that friends are now-a-days leaves of trees ?*

A. Because they stick close in Summer, and drop off in Winter.

Q. *What is the world to a wise man and to a fool ?*

A. A Paradise to the one, and a Purgatory to the other.

Q. *What may be said of carnal and worldly men ?*

A. That they make heaven descend to earth.

Q. *What is the greatest unhappiness of Shepherds and husbandmen ?*

A. That they know not their own happiness.

Q. *How may we make our riches good ?*

A. By good using of them.

Q. *Who may be said to be the best and greatest Conqueror ?*

A. He who makes his passions stand bare about him.

Q. *Who may be said to be most truly good ?*

A. He that knows why he is so, and loves goodness for it self.

Q. *Why*

Q. why is it said that new friends are like new wines?

A. Because the hard and harsh are best; the most pleasing are least lasting.

Q. what may be said to be our best Prospect?

A. To look inward.

Q. What is it that is better and quieter to sleep in, then a whole skin?

A. A good conscience.

Q. why have we two eyes, two ears, and but one tongue?

A. Because we should hear and see much, and say but little.

Q. which is the best forrest to shelter a knave or a great belly in?

A. Not Ashdown, nor Sherwood, but London?

Q. what place in London is that where all go in with an ill will, and many come out with a worse?

A. Newgate.

Q. what street in London doth worst deserve its name?

A. Cheap.

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Q. when

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Q. When may it be said, the full Moon is
cheap-side?

A. When there is no room empty in that
Tavern.

Q. Which may be said to be the roaringst
place about London.

A. The Tower.

Q. Which is the sweetest place in London?

A. Bear-binder lane.

Q. What is Westminster-Hall like?

A. A Butlers box at Christmas.

Q. Why is there not an order taken with
the boatmen for bawling so loud at Westmin-
ster in the term time?

A. Because the Lawyers are us'd to it.

Q. How many Hells are there about London?

A. But one, and that's at Westminster.

Q. Is there a place there about called heaven?

A. There is; but it is out of the Hall.

Q. Which is said to be the sorest place in
Southwark?

A. St. Thomas Hospital.

Q. Which is the most dogged place about
London?

A. Paris Garden.

Q. Which

Q. Which of our towns may be thought the most dangerous to marry a wife in?

A. Shrewsbury.

Q. What town is the best to bring a friend wife to?

A. Stafford.

Q. Do Ladies go to the Bath chiefly to see and to be seen?

A. No, they go also to feel and to be felt.

Q. What shire (next to Middlesex) may be thought to have the most Cuckolds?

A. Buckingham.

Q. Which of our Counties do women affect most to live in?

A. Wiltshire.

Q. Why do Oxford and Cambridge agree no better?

A. Because they are Sisters.

Q. Why is it said 'tis better to live in the County, than at London?

A. Because (God be thanked) there are no such place there as Hyde-Park and Westminster Hall.

Q. Why are there shops in Westminster Hall.

Q. Because a man may have any thing
there for money?

Q. What are the two richest acres of ground
in England?

A. The Exchequer, and the Exchange.

Q. What Chamber was of old the worst to
be made fine in?

A. The Star.

Q. May any thing be said of the Chancery,
if the seal should be put to sale?

A. Yes Chance-awry.

Q. Why was the Court of wards office so
near the Church?

A. Because the nearer—

Q. Which of our Courts was most in request?

A. The Privy-Seals.

Q. Where may a Parrot be fitly plac'd so
ery walk knave, walk?

A. At the palace-yard in term time.

Q. Who is said to have been the greatest
Monarch the world ever had?

A. Adam.

Q. Who was the first thief that ever was?
likewise, for he rob'd Gods
Orchard.

A.

Q. Why

Q. why is it said that man and wife should be like Adam and Eve?

A. Because he should be all of the world of men to her, she of women to him.

Q. why is it said that Adam and Esau were two of the greatest prodigals that ever were?

A. Because the one sold Paradise for an Apple, the other his birth-right for a mess of broth.

Q. who may be said to have had the best and largest bosom?

A. Abraham.

Q. who may be said to have had the most honorable Funeral that ever man had?

A. Moses.

Q. what was Job's greatest persecution?

A. His wife.

Q. what place was that, where the voice of one creature might pierce all the ears in the world?

A. The Ark.

Q. why is it said that Solomon was said to be a very merry man?

A. Because he wrote five thousand songs.

Q. why

A. Because

Q. Why is Solomon said to be the most uxorious King that ever was?

A. Because he had seven hundred wives.

Q. Who was he that danced before he was born?

A. The Baptist.

Q. Who was he that made the best, and worst bargain that ever man did?

A. Judas.

Q. What may an ignorant Historian take the Picture in Almanacks for?

A. Julius Caesar.

Q. Which of the valiantest Greeks had the foulest name?

A. Ajax.

Q. Why is it said that wanton wives may be called Diana's?

A. Because they do shoot on their husbands.

Q. Was St. Peter ever at Rome or no?

A. It is doubted by some, but 'tis certain that Simon was there.

Q. Why did Hen. 8. cause his Queen Anne Bullen to be beheaded?

A. Because she beheaded him.

Q. Which of our Dukes had the sweetest death?

A. Clarence.

A. Clarence.

Q. Which of our ancient Dukes hath been most famous for hospitality?

A. Duke Humphrey.

Q. Which of our late temporal Lords may be said to be most spiritual?

A. The Earl of Kent.

Q. Who did of late make good that saying to him that hath shall be given?

A. Selden.

Q. Why is it said that the meanest man in London may take the wall of the Lord Mayor?

A. Because of his horse.

Q. Why did the Bishops of Durham being the richer benefice desire to be removed to York?

A. For want of Grace.

Q. Why is it said that the Bishop of Landaff should be called my Lord Aff?

A. Because the Land is gone.

Q. Which of our Bishops do not the Preachers deny to be a good man?

A. Gloucester.

Q. Who was the quondam best Cook in England?

A. The Secretary.

Q. When

Q. When did Sir Edward Cook's name
best discover his fortune?

A. When he was old.

Q. Which of our late Doctors did the
worst deserve his name?

A. Lamb.

Q. Why was Sir T. Matthews so great a
Courtier of Ladies?

A. To make good Charity mistaken.

Q. Did Sir William Py die in a fit and
reasonable time, or no?

A. He did, for it was at Christmas.

Q. Which of our English Knights had the
best wife that ever man had?

A. Sir Thomas Overbury.

Q. Which of our Taylors were the most fa-
mous?

A. The Player and the Sculler.

Q. Who is the most famous cuspurse of these
times?

A. Mal.

Q. Who may be thought to have been the
greatest wench of an English-man?

A. Laurence of Lancashire.

Q. Why

Q. Why was it said, that Sir T. Gardiner was the fittest man to be Recorder of London?

A. Because no place in the Kingdom was more full of weeds.

Q. Why is the King of Spain said to be so great a Monarch?

A. Because he sacks more Cities and Countries than other Princes.

Q. What do the Dutch men take death to be?

A. Not to drink.

Q. Why are Welch-men said to be without comparison on St Davids-day?

A. Because none wear Leeks but they.

Q. What brave English ship was that which made an example of the Dutch?

A. The President.

Q. Why do French men wear Rapiers on their hums?

A. Because English-men have so often prickt them behind.

Q. Why is it said there are more Jews than Christians?

A. Because so many worship the golden calf.

Q. Why

Q. Why is it said that of all nations, wo-
men cannot endure the Italians?

A. Because of their padlocks.

Q. What place is said to be worst to learn
French in?

A. The Low Countries.

Q. What was the greatest cause of the In-
dians ridding?

A. Their gold.

Q. What is a Welch-mans greatest enemy?

A. A Mouse.

Q. Why is it said that Grocers are wiser
than other tradesmen?

A. Because they can give more reasons
for what they do.

Q. Why are tinkers said to be such base
men?

A. Because they cast the wallet of their
faults behind them.

Q. What tradesmen are they who may most
likely be knaves in grain?

A. Milners, Dyers, Bakers.

Q. Why is the Clothiers trade such a fine
profession?

A. Because it is a fine profession.

A. Because their wits go so much a wool-gathering.

Q. What kind of tradesmen & women like the worst?

A. Haberdashers of small wares.

Q. Why are Smiths said to get their living harder then any men?

A. Because they have nothing but what they fetch out of the fire.

Q. Why may Barbers and Excise-men call brothers?

A. Because they are poalers and pillars.

Q. Why is a Shoemaker said to be the fittest man to make a Constable.

A. Because by vertue of his trade, he may set men in the stocks, and ease them of fasts.

Q. Why is it said that nine Taylors go to a man?

A. Because half a score is little enough for to please some one woman.

Q. Why is a Sculler better then a pain of hair?

A. Because he has no fellow.

Q. Why are Hostlers said to be better then Chamberlains?

A.

Q. Because they cozen but horses to their faces, the other men.

Q. VVhat kind of Tradesmen may be said to stand most upon points?

A. The Taggers.

Q. VVho be they, though never so drunken and foolish, may yet be truly called Grave men?

A. Sextons.

Q. VVhy is it said that watermen may be taken for great Politicians?

A. Because they row one way and look another.

Q. VVhy do sailors differ so extreemly from other tradesmen?

A. Because they are then best pleased when they go most down the wind.

Q. VVhy do Gardiners pretend to go before other Professions?

A. Because it was the first mans employment.

Q. VVho are those that are of great and high calling, and yet but of little account?

A. Vintners boys, and Chamberlains.

Q. VVho be they that may be said to be out of ease, when they are most troubled with stitches?

A. Tailors.

Q. *How may one make a Tailor's hand to be good?* A. By feeding before hand.

Q. *Why is it said we are to be very wary how we deal with Surgeons?* A. Because we shall be sure to find them very sore men.

Q. *How may one make the wisest man that is, to have a running head of his pin?* A. By breaking it.

Q. *Which is the best way to help on a dull or tired horse?* A. By holding a bottle of hay upon a stick before his nose, that he may strive to overtake it.

Q. *How may one ride a horse a hundred mile or two without drawing bit?* A. With a halter.

Q. *How may one dine in much company, and yet dine alone?* A. Among strangers.

Q. *How may a Scholar study hard, and yet study very little?* A. Without a Cushion.

Q. *How may a white or gray horse be made dun?* A. By tiring him.

Q. *What is the best preservative against famine?* A. By

A. By feeding before-hand on unsavory
meats.

Q. How may one of little learning, and less
wit, be made Master of Arts?

A. Without question.

Q. Which is the safest place to stand in, a-
mong unskilful Archers?

A. The mark.

Q. How may one make a dainty feed of a
good horse?

A. By selling him.

Q. Why are wise men the greatest liars?

A. Because Children and fools speak
truth.

Q. Why have thieves more cause to be Pa-
rets than any men?

A. Because they have most need of a
verse.

Q. Why are women said to love judiciously
and wisely?

A. Because they do love men more or
less according to their good parts.

Q. Why are few women said to be in love
with their own names?

A. Because they are not so vain.

A. Because they would gladly change them at any time for a husband.

Q. why are Physicians said to be more un-
skilful in the constitutions of good men and wo-
men than of others?

A. Because the State allows them only
whores and thieves to practice on.

Q. why is it said, it is far better to be a
wittal, than jealous?

A. Because he knows the worst, and is
out of fear.

Q. why are those tradesmen said to be most
kind, who will not trust a friend?

A. Because they would rather want them-
selves, than see him a Debtor.

Q. why is it said, that all other Artists of
Liberal Sciences may take place of Physicians.

A. Because by their Professions they are
to come behind.

Q. Why is it said, it is better to have a
bad wife than a good one?

A. Because she brings repentance, and
puts one in mind of hell.

Q. why is it said, that thieves love and
confide in their Country more than any men?

A. Be-

Q. Because they dare put themselves up-
on't though they are hang'd for it.

Q. Why had Christmas Lords a prehemi-
nence above other Lords?

A. Because they knew their ends.

Q. Why is it said that beggars lie in
greater State than Princes?

A. Because they have heaven for their
Canopy.

Q. Why are drunkards said to be good
Philosophers?

A. Because they think aright, the world
runs round.

Q. Why are women fitter for the Study of
Astronomy than men?

A. Because they lie more on their backs.

Q. Why is wealth better than wit?

A. Because no Poet had ever the luck to
be Lord Major.

Q. Why are blind men not to be pittyed?

A. because there is much more bad to be
soen than good.

Q. Why are women more noble Creatures
than Eunuchs?

A. Be-

A. Because the masculine gender is more worthy than the feminine, and the feminine more worthy then the neuter.

Q. Why is it said, 'tis better to have a bad Father than a good one?

A. Because happy is the Son whose Father goes.--

Q. Why is it said, 'tis better to be a dwarf than a proper man?

A. Because the properer man, the worse luck.

Q. What is a womans best Eloquence?

A. Her beauty.

Q. Which is the best part of a maid?

A. Her head.

Q. What is that which the heavier it is, it makes a man the lighter?

A. A Purse.

Q. What are poor tenants best Orators to their greedy Landlords?

A. Bottles and Baskets.

Q. What kind of men is that which is all ways in season?

A. Powder'd.

Q. What

Q. What kind of men may be thought to be most dogged?

A. Huntsmen.

Q. VVhat creature is the greatest traveller next a man?

A. Loufe.

Q. VVere there no boats, how should one go over the Thames, if Londod bridge bridge were away?

A. Fire right.

Q. VVhat kind of house may we soonest find out with following our nose?

A. That called the Commons.

Q. VVhat makes Lawyers and GuildHall clerks so fine?

A. Other mens Suits.

Q. VVhat is the fittest inscription for a house of office?

A. Here are farts to be let.

Q. Which is the biggest church in all London, next to St. Pauls?

A. St. Gregories.

Q. What kind of women may most truly be said to have masks of their own?

A. The foul.

Q. What

Q. What place is the worst to give the eye
in?

A. The throat.

Q. How do young men and women love one
another?

A. Like any thing.

Q. What kind of men are most troubled with
bad livers?

A. The married.

Q. How deserves he to be called, who
in a Tavern calls for a Gill of wine, and no more?

A. Jack,

Q. What kind of fruit is never out of re-
quest?

A. Lemons.

Q. Which may be said to be the merriest
term of the sword?

A. Hillary.

Q. If a woman have had five husbands, and
reckon them up on their finger ends, what may
be said of her?

A. Not before all this.

Q. That she has made a hand of the mill,
and is a rich widow.

Q. If a rich widow should have a husband
has overcome a Gentleman in a Law suit, how
may he answer him?

A. That

A. That he took a wrong Sow by the ear.

Q. If one be askt what he will take to have a good blow given him on the ear?

A. A Head-piece.

Q. If a miser offer a Gentleman to drink, and say (and that very truly) that his Beer is dead, how may he reply?

A. Not unlikely; for it has been very weak a great while.

Q. If one chance to be drowned, may we say he's gone the way of all flesh?

A. No but of fish we may.

Q. If a man be devided for having but one spur when he rides, how may he reply?

A. That if the one side of his horse go on, the other will not tarry behind.

Q. How did the Gentleman answer his Lady, that at supper bid him give her a flap of the coney?

A. Not before all this company.

Q. If a Gentleman be threatned by a Citizen, may he retaliate with the Proverb of a worst Com?

A. No; for his wife will take care.

Q. what

Q. What said the Country fellow to an
Astronomer, who as he was taking the height
of a Star with his Jacob's Staff, and a
meteor fell down?

A. Well, that's faith.

Q. If a Cobler dispute with a Curate,
and be too hard for him, what may one
say?

A. That it is great pity they had not
been both Cobblers.

Q. What said the Shepherd leading
home his wife from the ale-house, when he
met his fellow-shepherd?

A. Hant, eriam vin, Tyne, Suco.

Q. If an old man marry a young Lady,
what may he say the next morning?

A. Monogamis possumus amare.

Q. Why is it said that a Son may have
too much of his Father's blessings?

A. Because, omne nimium vertitur.

Q. What is the best liquor for a King?

A. Aurum potabile.

Q. Why is a rich covetous man said to
be the poorest man that is?

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A. Quia

A. Quia semper egit.

Q. what may be said of the fairest woman that is, when in her grave?

A. Non redolet sed olet.

Q. why is it said 'tis better to be a fool than a wise man?

A. Because, fortuna faver---

Q. what men may be said to have least need of weapons?

A. Integer vitæ, scelerisque purus.--

Q. Why are fools said to be numberless?

A. Because, --plena sunt omnia.

Q. why are Ladies said to have a Princelike, or majestic will?

A. Because, stat pro ratione.--

Q. why is it said to be good policy to fall out with the Mistress?

A. Because, amantium ira.

Q. Why is it said the Universities did commend the Lawyer, when they meant to gear him?

A. Because they call'd him Ignoramus?

Q. what

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Q. What part or rule of Grammar is of most use?

A. Famineo generi tribuuntur Propria quæ maribus.

Q. Why is it said, that a man that is drunk is not fit to marry?

A. Because he cannot, uxorem ducere.

Q. Why is it said, that Ovid was the greatest blasphemer of women that ever was?

A. Because he said, Casta est quam nemo.

Q. Which was the worst piece of an honest poor man?

A. Noverint universi.

Q. What may a Gentleman say to his Neighbor when he comes home with empty pockets from the Term?

A. Ad consilium nō accessistis an e-

Q. Why are we not to talk much with wise men?

A. Because verbum sapienti.

Q. How may a learned man be rightly termed?

A. A Walking Library.

Q. Who may be said to be truly in debt?

A. He that means to pay.

Q. What fair is that which is said to last all the year?

A. A married mans.

Q. How may we rightly term good husbands and good wives?

A. Hermophrodites.

Q. What was the first sport or game that ever was played at?

A. Child getting.

Q. How many days are there in a year?

A. Seven.

Q. What is the difference between a rich Usurer, and a rich man that is no Usurer?

A. Six per Cent.

Q. How may this our age be rightly termed?

A. The Golden.

Q. Why are good women like a Lottery?

A. Because there is many a blank for one prize.

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Q. Why are widows like cancel'd bonds?

A. Because they have been seal'd and deliver'd, and are out of date.

Q. Why do so many desire to rise by the Law?

A. Because 'tis death to fall by it.

Q. Which is the worst way for a man to make himself a fool?

A. In Print.

Q. What kind of Pictures are in most request?

A. Those of Kings.

Q. What kind of fruit is said to be the sweetest?

A. Stolen.

Q. Why is it said the more cross the more blest?

A. Because of money.

Q. Why do women spit when men talk bawdy?

A. Because their mouths do water.

Q. What is the prettiest thing for a man to play with?

A. A fair Lady.

Q. What is the most precious part of a woman?

A. Her eye.

Q. What is that which makes all women alike?

A. The dark.

Q. How may a man rightly term his wife?

A. His adopted self.

Q. How is a very woman said to love?

A. Not the man; but the best of him.

Q. Why are some gallants said to be like Cinamon.

A. Because the Bark is better than the body.

Q. Why are complemental Courtiers said to be like Grub-street Pamphlets?

A. Because they promise great matters, and perform just nothing.

Q. What kind of sickness are women most subject to?

A. The falling.

Q. What kind of signatures do Ladies like the best?

A. Body to Body.

Q. What

Q. What kind of men may be termed
the most sawcy?

A. Cooks.

Q. Why is marriage said to be a yoke?

A. Because many men are like Oxen.

Q. Why is it said that usurers may
be thought to be very honest men?

A. Because they stand so much upon
conditions.

Q. What is thought to be the greatest
dishonesty?

A. Poverty.

Q. Why is it said, that long lying is a
most dangerous and vicious quality?

A. Because he must rise bedlines who
who would couzen the Devil.

Q. What is the difference between a rich
glutton, and a covetous man?

A. The one puts his money in his belly,
the other his belly in his purse.

Q. What may be said of one that is over
some wild passion?

A. That he is dry drunk.

Q. What

Q. What four words are those which are said to be of one signification?

A. Poets, Travellers, Lyers, and Lovers.

Q. Why is it said that fools are not to be accounted on?

A. Because they cannot be counted.

A. Wherefore doth a man cry Atkins when he lets a fart?

A. Because it is an Anagram for a stink.

Q. Wherefore do Anabaptists hate Beeple-houses?

A. Because they dread the rope.

Q. What may a cunning Barber be aptly called?

A. A notable knave.

Q. Why is it generally said that wooll is the most warmest?

A. Because 'tis spelt all with double Letters, Wooll.

Q. Why doth a dog turn round so often before he lies down?

A. Because

A. Because he goes about to lie down.

Q. Why are Prisoners said to be good
fencers?

A. Because they keep their ward.

Q. Why are poor men said to be most
healthy?

A. Because they seldom keep their beds.

Q. Of all men which are the best Herolds?

A. welch men, for they speak pedi-
grees naturally.

Q. Why may a serving man be said to be
always drunk?

A. Because he is no his own man.

Q. What knaves are the boldest?

A. Hostlers; for behind your back,
they cheat your horse to his face.

Q. What men are best meat?

A. Saylors, for they live in pickle.

Q. What fish is most delighful?

A. Maids.

Q. Why do pick-pocket's go to Bridewel
so often?

A. Because they get money by it.

Q. How do Lawyers come to be famous?

A. By reports.

Q. By

Q. By what measure do women desire to
trade?

A. The yard.

Q. Why did Lilburn leave his boiling
sop?

A. Because he found himself in the
suds.

Q. Of churgeons which hath the best
cunning?

A. He that lets bloud in the purse.

Q. What may a Baker wish he never had?

A. His ears.

Q. What fruit rots alive?

A. Open Arses.

Q. What tradesmen never trust?

A. Pic-pockets.

Q. Who is he draws liquor of life?

A. The Hangman.

Q. Where would a woman have her bus-
band lie, rather than in the stocks?

A. In a hole.

Q. VVhat creature beares best?

A. Asses and VVomen.

Q. VVhy are women the weaker vessels?

A. Because.

A. Because they are soonest crackt.

Q. VVhat piece carrys fart best.

A. A piece of meat.

Q. VVhat men have best soles?

A. Coblers.

Q. To whom do blades repair often?

A. To Cutlers.

Q. VVhat birds have longest bills?

A. Taylors.

Q. VVhat trades-men are longest lived?

A. Shoemakers for they live at last.

Q. VVhat is the worst part of a lyar?

A. His conditions.

Q. VVhy is it not good to eat honey with
a Bear?

A. Because he will have the greatest
share.

Q. Why is it so impossible to ravish some
lasses?

A. Because they are willing.

Q. Were there ever more watches?

A. No, nor time worse spent.

Q. VVhat makes a woman wise?

A. A house well furnished.

Q. of

Q. Of what sort of men doth Horn Fair chiefly consist?

A. Of Citizens,

Q. What is the best room for Traytors to lay their heads together in?

A. The top of London Bridge.

Q. Who was at the pains of writing this Dialogue?

A. As-dry-as-dust, Toss-off-me-can,

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A. The bottom.

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